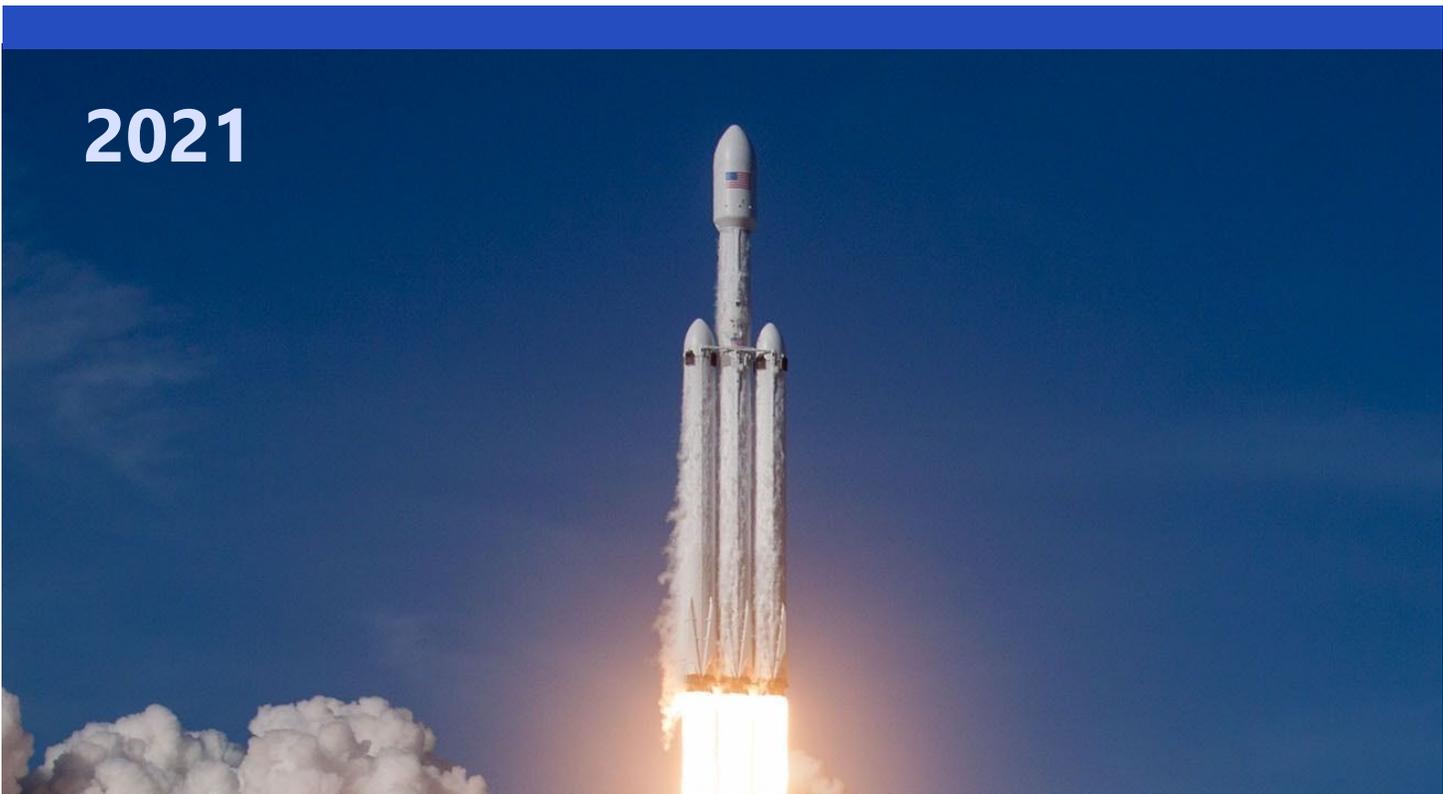


2021



ARE ALL SYSTEMS, GO? ENGAGE!



Grace Notes
May

Ready? Engage!

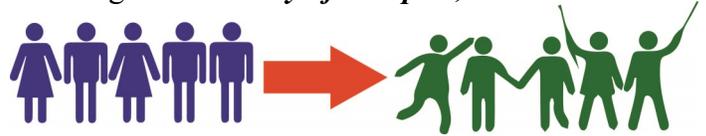
In last month's newsletter, I mentioned briefly that the "Long Lent" of COVID had made several long-term trends and challenges to Christian churches incredibly urgent. Congregations have been largely ignoring the signs of change and challenge for many years, but the pandemic has accelerated these changes and challenges. Among them:

- 1) **The lack of interest in "membership:"** Over the last 50 years, Americans have grown suspicious of institutions. Surveys consistently show that positive opinions regarding Congress, the military, corporations and yes, the Church, have declined. People prefer to gather in self-organized groups around common interests or goals rather than become a formal part of an organization whose purpose they may not agree with entirely. The pandemic has forced us all to be more local, to share life with a trusted few rather than be a part of a big group.
- 2) **The growth of "personal spirituality:"** More and more people take bits and pieces from a variety of sources to craft a spiritual life that is their own. It is assumed that no faith tradition has "all the answers," and our faith lives are more and more a part of our personal, even private selves rather than a public pose. People want conversation, not confrontation.
- 3) **No knowledge of the story of God:** The stories of the Bible are increasingly unfamiliar to Americans, including long-term church goers! It is easier to find people who can tell the core story of Harry Potter or Star Wars than they can of Jesus. A lack of shared story means that people struggle to find common ground to talk about moral issues; even when everyone is using the same word, it may not mean the same thing.
- 4) **A desire to do good in the world:** People see that coming together and doing good for others is a way to bridge the gap created by our personal, private spiritualities and lack of shared moral vocabulary.

Please notice that the things I have listed are not necessarily bad! God, who is at work in our world, has made things ready for His people to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In response, Grace (as I wrote last month) needs to make three shifts:

- † from being an organization with members to being a *community of disciples*;



- † from thinking church is where we go to *church is who we are*;



- † from waiting for people to come to us to *going out with our Lord to people*.



These three shifts connect to our mission and vision statements, as they commit us to living as disciples and going to where people are:

Our Mission

We Welcome Everyone to Walk the Way of GRACE: to GROW with Jesus, REJOICE in God, ANSWER with hope, CARE for the neighbor, and EMBRACE community.

Our Vision

GOD HAS A PLAN

FOR OUR LIVES, and so we teach how to walk in the path of Jesus Christ;

FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, and so we work to build healthy, strong communities;

FOR OUR CITY, and so we share life with our neighbors in Walltown, Trinity Park, Duke, and the Triangle; and

FOR OUR WORLD, and so we go with Good News.

But, to ask a good Lutheran question: what does this mean?

In part, it means that we move forward. Like the Israelites moving through the Red Sea into freedom,

we move forward, confident that God is leading and guiding us. As the spring unfolds into summer, we will make some changes so that we can begin connecting our parish life and structure to our mission and vision.

- We will be trying out some new things to respond to the changes and challenges we face post-pandemic.
- We will be working to strengthen our online ministries. We will be trying more local, neighborhood-sized activities.
- We will be spending less time in meetings and more time with Jesus in the world.

BUT...in part, it means that you and God must move forward. There is an old saying that goes something like “Jesus loves us just as we are, but he loves us too much to leave us that way.” We live in a world that encourages each of us to look inside, inside, inside all the time. We are constantly asked “What



are you feeling? What are you wanting? What would make you happy?” We are constantly bombarded with these questions, and in the end, we are each little black holes, collapsed inward on ourselves so completely that we are dead—we cannot escape ourselves. Jesus Christ comes to you and says “get up, turn outward, walk with me and learn my way—it is the way of life.”

If you have read this far, please stop and take a moment to pray, to ask the Lord

- 1) What do I need to learn?
- 2) How can I encourage my brothers and sisters?
- 3) Where can I help make a difference?

If we each embrace Jesus’ invitation to walk the way of GRACE with him, then we as a community will be stronger as we move into the future with our Lord.

I’m looking forward to hearing what you discover, where the Lord and you go, and how the Lord and you bless others.

In his name,

~Pr. Dave Brooks

The Pandemic: An Exciting Opportunity

Worship Update

Over the past several months, the Worship Ministry team has been very busy. The team has been meeting twice a month. On the first Wednesday, we focus on worship logistics, and on the third Wednesday, we focus on strategy and planning. I would like to thank everyone that has been working with the team so far. I’m very grateful for their dedication to regularly attend these meetings and to move forward during the pandemic. We have used this time to evaluate everything associated with worship and determine how to adapt to the present situation and needs of the church. In the paragraphs that follow, you’ll read about our progress.

- 1) Given the current COVID-19 situation, one of our primary concerns has been to continuously evaluate our current guidelines and adjust accordingly. We have recently increased the attendance limit, as more people are getting vaccinated, so we hope that more people will feel comfortable attending worship.
- 2) We’ve recognized the value of the online

worship experience. Accordingly, some new equipment has been purchased and we are working hard to keep the online and call-in options running smoothly. If you ever have any problems with participating at home or have any suggestions, please call me or the church office. We’re also training several volunteers to bring these services to you each week.

- 3) We added a Saturday Easter Vigil service this year, and we were very grateful with the participation. We are also considering adding other mid-week services (i.e., Ascension) throughout the year.
- 4) Our worship liturgy is now taken from the *Lutheran Service Book* published from Concordia Publishing House, the publisher of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Support from the publisher of our old hymnals has stopped. In the weeks ahead, you will notice that some of the liturgy that has been spoken will be sung.

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The Pandemic: An Exciting Opportunity, *continued*

- 5) Judy Barnes is stepping down as the leader of the Altar Guild, a position in which she has served for approximately 20 years. Please take this opportunity to thank Judy for her dedicated service, as well as all the other volunteers who serve on the Altar Guild. The Altar Guild will be meeting in early May to discuss how to best meet the needs of our worship services and ways to best organize the way they serve.
- 6) Scheduling volunteers to support worship each Sunday can be a daunting task. We are working on the implementation of a new scheduling program. This automated program will allow us to schedule volunteers more efficiently for all aspects of our ministry, send out reminder notices, and allow volunteers to access and change their schedule. We will initially use this to schedule readers for the services and will roll it out to more positions gradually.
- 7) Recognizing worship trends helps us plan for communion each week. Identifying attendance patterns is crucial to connecting with members. Recording numbers gives us the data we need to report statistics to the Synod. These are some of the reasons we will soon be placing attendance cards in the pew racks for you to fill out. The individual cards will replace the attendance sign-in books. One side of the card will be for members; the other for guests. Online worshipers will also have a digital registration card. Please watch the eNews and take the time to tell us when you attend worship in any way.
- We are always considering ways to enhance our worship time together, so please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions.
- Yours in Christ,
~Geoff Heintzelman, on behalf of the Worship Team

The Church and Cuticles: *What Do They Have in Common?*



People often cut their cuticles to make their hands look perfect. Cuticle? You know, that hard patch of skin on the border of the nail and finger. But, when cuticles are cut, you risk a lot. The cuticles have a very important function, they protect our hands from harmful bacteria. If bacteria get into your body through a tiny wound made by cutting the cuticle, washing your hands won't help anymore. Cuticles. Small, but important.

The same can be said about small churches. They may seem insignificant when compared to larger congregations, but small churches are a resource and a gift to the wider church. And they are the ones **best prepared to enter the way of revitalization and renewal.**

By every indication, this is what is most needed for post-COVID churches, revitalization and renewal. Pastor talks about this in his article this month – more specifically how the pandemic has accelerated the changes and challenges facing organizations – both large and small.

To face these challenges, we must be ready to Engage...but how?

We must remember the distinctive gift of being a

small church. Anthony Pappas, in his book, **Entering the World of the Small Church** says, “In small-membership congregations, Christians are formed through relationships. The children learn by being with all the saints of the church. Relationships are important, but their formational power is the central, defining characteristic of the small church.

Are we ready to hear and to answer the call to lead? If so, we have much to offer the church and the world!



The Southeastern District, LCMS is a regional office of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. They are congregations, schools, and missions in South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington DC, Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania who connect people with Jesus. If you would like to connect and stay in touch with them on Facebook, use this link and be sure to like their page:

<https://www.facebook.com/sedlutheran/>

“The Church and Cuticles” continued.

COMMUNITY:

Small churches can be places of extraordinary community, the very thing that people today long for. In a small congregation, an individual can often find a sense of belonging more readily than in a large church. In a small congregation, Paul’s metaphor of the church as the body of Christ comes alive, with each individual essential to the whole. (Romans 12:4-8, 1 Corinthians 12).

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“innovation,” “change,” and “experiment” are frightening, distasteful, even heretical. But if the Spirit is moving in the church, we need to be alert to the ways the Spirit might be calling us to change. Both as individuals and as congregations, too many of us have grown accustomed to certain ways of being and doing church. As with any change, the prospect of doing church in new and different ways seems uncomfortable, even frightening. It can require a deep and painful

VULNERABILITY:

Small churches are inherently vulnerable due to scant resources and fewer people to make things happen. Vulnerability helps us identify with the poor and needy. It helps us understand the vulnerability of Jesus and our dependence on God and one another. Vulnerability makes us faithful.

“letting go.”

AN OBJECT LESSON IN CHANGE:

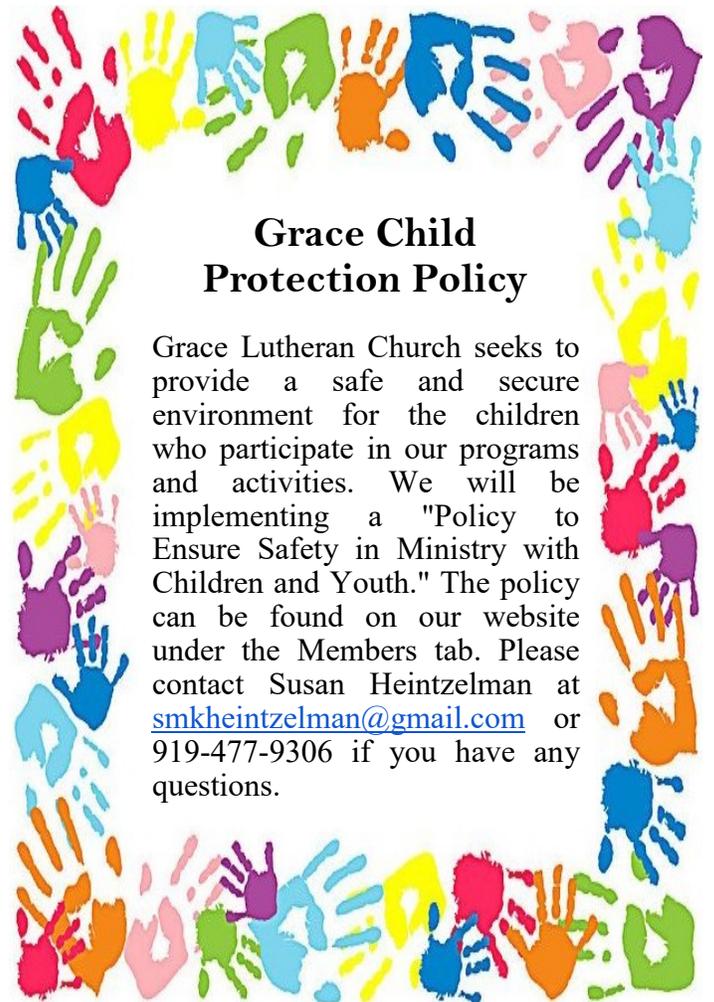
Small churches are known for being averse to change. To some, words like “evolution,”

Yet, no matter how challenging the times are God is present. At times it can be hard to see what God is doing and how God is building the Church. It’s good to remember that God is active in the living, the dying, and the rebuilding of the Church. God is always faithful.

~ Chris Wethman, Interim President



A BIG THANK YOU to the ladies of the LWML who headed to the parking lot with tools in hand and yard waste bags. They spent an April morning cleaning up and picking up trash. As you can see 4 large bags of yard waste were gathered up. Thank you, ladies!



Grace Child Protection Policy

Grace Lutheran Church seeks to provide a safe and secure environment for the children who participate in our programs and activities. We will be implementing a "Policy to Ensure Safety in Ministry with Children and Youth." The policy can be found on our website under the Members tab. Please contact Susan Heintzelman at smkheintzelman@gmail.com or 919-477-9306 if you have any questions.

Thoughts on Grace *from Bev Hudgins*

Growing up I attended an LCA Lutheran church with my family, worshipping every Sunday. The service liturgy is what I knew and loved even at an early age. I attended a two year Lutheran confirmation program and geek that I was, I took it very seriously. I completed all of the assignments, the readings, the workbooks, the weekly sermon essays and other activities. What was planted in my heart from these experiences was that I am a beloved child of God and that He would never leave me. In my early adulthood I drifted away from the church and then dabbled attending other denominations. These never “felt right,” although I don’t know that I could explain why. It was when my daughter was in the seventh grade that I decided we needed to become members of a Lutheran church where she could attend confirmation a spiritual foundation that would sustain her like mine did. That is when we joined Grace and have been members ever since. It is in more recent years that I have become more active in ministry.

The reason I am at Grace at this time continues to be the rich worship experience and opportunity for

service. I am sold on Lutheran doctrine. I love the Grace family and treasure fellowshiping and serving with them.

God uses the children in Sunday School to inspire and encourage me. I have spiritually grown through my service with the education ministry team. My spirit is on fire as I anticipate what the Lord is up to with mission at Grace. He is up to something special, something that I feel He has been preparing me for.

Most of the times I have felt most alive and participating in God’s love I have been involved with children. Teaching Sunday School, helping with VBS, visiting residents of the nursing home, Noah’s Ark presentation, sewing an OT Books of the Bible quilt. I especially like intergenerational activities as well.

~ Bev Hudgins, Lay Minister of Education

“i love the grace family and treasure fellowshiping and serving with them.”

What is It about Grace?

Why do we come to Grace? Why do we keep on coming? What is it about Grace that fills a need in our hearts?

I think it’s all based on love—God’s love to each of us and our love for each other. It’s acceptance, it’s generosity, it’s caring, it’s support, it’s fellowship. I’ve read that when we are baptized, God puts a claim on that special spot in our hearts that can only be filled by God’s presence. So, God’s presence in me recognizes God’s presence in you, and together we serve each other, the church, our families, our neighbors.

That’s something we can’t do on our own, but only as and when God enables us.

Of course, we’re not perfect. We all have flaws and do things that we regret and that doesn’t please our Lord. But since God knows all that and loves us anyway, we can be free to love each other. Isn’t our God amazing?

I think the fellowship resulting from all this love binds us together as a church of God. We are so blessed to be at Grace. Let’s share that blessing.

~ Joyce Rea, Deacon and Stephen Ministry Leader

Baptism of Cairo Mhina



Sunday, April 25th, Cairo was baptized and welcomed into the Lord’s family, as our brother in Christ. His parents, Carl Mhina and Joyce Mosha and his big brother Landon and Cairo’s sponsors, Francis & Immaculate Karia were in attendance. We rejoice with the family, celebrating that Cairo now has another birthday – born in the Spirit! Thanks be to God!

Guess Who's Coming to the Movies?

Hopefully, you!

A Summer Movie Series is in the works, and all Grace members and friends are invited. Our first presentation will be "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner". Starring Sidney Poitier, Spencer Tracy, and Katharine Hepburn, this film shows how a couple's attitudes are challenged when their daughter introduces them to her African-American fiancé. This comedy/drama was released in 1967 but has a lot to say about current race relations in America. A moderated discussion will follow the movie: as Christians, what is our role in addressing racial conflict? Dates and times will be announced soon. Invite your friends for some summer nights of cinema, food, and fellowship.



Grace Lutheran Sponsors Agape Kure Beach Golf Outing

Grace Lutheran Church was a Platinum Sponsor of the 12th Annual Spring Golf Outing for Agape Kure Beach Ministries, benefitting the *David L. Castor Campership Fund*. This fund sends kids to camp and develops new programs. Our



Pastor Brooks was a member of the 2021 Golf Committee and he worked planning the event and also at the tournament. The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner donations were a part of this sponsorship. To find out more about Agape Kure Beach Ministries, go to: <https://agapekurebeach.org/>



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
 May 2021
 Service Calendar



Sunday Services	May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:30 & 11 AM	May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:30 & 11 AM	May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:30 & 11 AM	May 23 Day of Pentecost 8:30 & 11 AM	May 30 The Holy Trinity First Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 & 11 AM
Lessons/ Readers	1st Reading: Acts 8:26-40 Epistle Lesson: 1 John 4:1-21 8:30 AM Barb Tippin 11:00 AM Lauren Oruwari	1st Reading: Acts 10:34-38 Epistle Lesson: 1 John 5:1-8 8:30 AM Chris Wethman 11:00 AM Bev Hudgins	First Reading: Acts 1:12-26 Epistle Lesson: 1 John 5:9-15 8:30 AM Walt Crosmer 11:00 AM Ken Kempel	Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21 8:30 AM Walt Crosmer 11:00 AM Carol Walton	Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36 8:30 AM Barb Tippin 11:00 AM Chris Wethman
Ushers/ Greeters	8:30 AM Tom McGill 11:00 AM Gary Stuhlmiller	8:30 AM Tom McGill Joe Wethman 11:00 AM Gary Stuhlmiller	8:30 AM Tom McGill 11:00 AM Gary Stuhlmiller	8:30 AM Tom McGill 11:00 AM Gary Stuhlmiller	8:30 AM Tom McGill 11:00 AM Gary Stuhlmiller
Pastor/ Leader	Pastor Brooks	Pastor Brooks	Gary Stuhlmiller	Pastor Brooks	Pastor Brooks
Organist	Chase Benefiel	Chase Benefiel	Chase Benefiel	Chase Benefiel	Chase Benefiel
Vocalists	8:30 AM Jenna Young 11:00 AM Jenna Young	8:30 AM Margot Wuebbens 11:00 AM Margot Wuebbens	8:30 AM TBD 11:00 AM Jenna Young	8:30 AM Margot Wuebbens 11:00 AM Margot Wuebbens	8:30 AM TBD 11:00 AM Jenna Young



Blood Drive

Grace Lutheran Church

Monday, May 10, 2021, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Held in the Fellowship Hall

www.redcrossblood.org, keyword: Grace
 Questions?

Contact Barbara at office@gracelutheranchurch.net
 or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Come to give in May for your chance to win
 a travel trailer camper!

Plus, give between May 1-15 and also receive
 a \$5 Amazon Gift Card by email!
 All courtesy of Suburban Propane!
 Terms apply, see: rcblood.org/life

RAPIDPASS

www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass

Donors are encouraged to sign up for Rapid Pass to make
 donating blood easier.

*Thank you so much for being faithful
 in sending the grief booklets. They
 have been very helpful. Say hello to
 my cousin Tom McGill from me.
 Love in Christ,*

Rose Swain

**THANK YOU
 PASTOR RICHARD!**

*Thank you, Pastor Richard, for donating
 the new LSB Altar Book to Grace. Your
 generosity is much appreciated.*

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 am Spiritual Conversations (Zoom) 6:30 pm AA Meeting
2 5th Sunday of Easter 8:30 am Worship: In Person 9:30 am Sunday School 9:45 am Spiritual Conversations 11:00 am Worship: In Person, Live & Call-In	3 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Staff Planning Meeting (off-site)	4 4:30 pm Growing Thru Grief (virtual)	5 10:00 am LWMML Quilting 12:00 pm Prayer Service with Holy Communion 7:30 pm Worship Team Meeting	6	7 7:00 pm Education	8 10:00 am Spiritual Conversations (Zoom) 6:30 pm AA Meeting
9 6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 8:30 am Worship: In Person 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship: In Person, Live & Call-In	10 11:00 am Grace Hosts Blood Drive for the American Red Cross	11 4:30 pm Growing Thru Grief (virtual)	12 10:00 am LWMML Meeting 11:00 am LWMML Quilting 12:00 pm Prayer Service with Holy Communion 7:00 pm Pathways Task Force	13 Ascension of Our Lord 6:00 pm Executive Team	14	15 10:00 am Spiritual Conversations (Zoom) 6:30 pm AA Meeting
16 7th Sunday of Easter 8:30 am Worship Service: In Person 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship: In Person, Live & Call-In	17	18 4:30 pm Growing Thru Grief (virtual) 7:00 pm Miss Mollie's School Board Advisory	19 10:00 am LWMML Quilting 12:00 pm Prayer Service with Holy Communion 1:30 pm Waltoon Ministries 7:30 pm Worship Team Meeting	20 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry In-person 6:30 pm Book Club (Zoom)	21	22 Vigil of Pentecost 10:00 am Spiritual Conversations (Zoom) 6:30 pm AA Meeting
23 Day of Pentecost 8:30 am Worship Service: In Person 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship: In Person, Live & Call-In 12:30 pm Congregational Assembly Meeting	24	25 4:30 pm Growing Thru Grief (virtual)	26 10:00 am LWMML Quilting 12:00 pm Prayer Service with Holy Communion 7:00 pm Pathways Task Force	27	28 MMSG Preschool Moving On Ceremony 7:00 pm Council for the Blind (virtual)	29 6:30 pm AA Meeting
30 The Holy Trinity First Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am Worship Service: In Person 11:00 am Worship: In Person, Live & Call-In	31 Memorial Day Church Office Closed					



With God's Help, We Made It!

Last Sunday night, April 25, as the Duke Lutherans gathered for our final virtual Evening Prayer of the academic year, we felt a variety of emotions: relief and gratitude that we'd made it through such a challenging year; exhaustion and anxiety because of finals; and joy for our graduates but sorrow at having to bid them farewell.

Bearing in mind that experiencing so many (sometimes conflicting) emotions can make already-stressed students feel even more overwhelmed, these are the words I preached at the end of my sermon:

Duke Lutherans, as this year comes to an end, as you stay here in Durham for the summer or scatter to the four winds, remember that the Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God, goes with you wherever you go...

Whether deep valleys steeped in dense shadows or the softest of emerald-green fields—and most likely you will travel through both at some point or another—

Know this wherever you go:

You are a beloved member of the Duke Lutherans flock, always. And, just as the shepherd gently gathers the lambs with outstretched arms, so too does God call you by name, carry you, go out

searching for you when you are wondering or lost, restore your soul, and give you rest.

Of course, we also offer our thanks to you, our fellow members of the flock at Grace Lutheran, for your gracious support and prayers that sustained us through this year. We are blessed that God calls us to life together with you, with St. Paul's, and with our alumni and supporters everywhere...**many of whom were able to join us for our April 18 Alumni and Supporter Appreciation Evening Prayer, an event that we hope will become an annual tradition!** As we worshipped together, we also heard personal stories from a current student, a recent alum, and a "senior" alum (Magdalena Phillips, D.J. Chatelaine, and Cindy Snyder), all of whom shared their favorite campus ministry memories and reflected on how God has blessed and grounded them in Christ's love through their time with the Duke Lutherans.

Finally, because several of our students will still be in Durham this summer (our graduate students, in particular, don't receive time off in the summer), please let me know if you'd like to support them in some way...perhaps by providing a meal, a gift card, or an encouraging card.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Amanda (amanda.highben@duke.edu)



Baptism Birthdays

Joseph Hunike	05/01
Kae Huggins	05/01
Kevin Portner	05/01
Molly Eldridge	05/02
Ellie Romes	05/15
Dede Crosmer	05/16
Nate Detalence	05/19
Vivian Harris	05/24
Jonathan Crosmer	05/25
Whitney Kolba	05/31



Grace Book Club

Our next Zoom meeting will be May 20th at 6:30 PM.

The book for May is *Still Life* by Louise Penny.

Please let Donna Gesell know if you would like to attend the Zoom book club meetings.



Sent to MOST Ministries in April



In April, 8 pairs of glasses and 4 glasses cases were sent to MOST Ministries. If you have old pairs of eyeglasses, glasses cases or sunglasses and would like to donate to MOST, there is a collection box in the Narthex at church.

Birthdays

Lenore Hango	05/03
Amy Robertson	05/04
Robert Walton	05/09
Ken Titus	05/09
Wanda Cumpler	05/11
Phil Gerken	05/13
Barb Tippin	05/15
Janet Thomas	05/21
Allison Eaton	05/21
Jacob Comer	05/22
Gary Stuhlmiller	05/22
Shirley Jahn	05/27



Growing thru Grief

Growing thru Grief offers year-round support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet each Tuesday from 4-6, for now on zoom. Those who attend need to have both audio and video available. Each meeting begins with a short presentation about a part of the grief journey, and then we break into small groups for sharing and conversation. Here are our speakers for May and early June:

May 4- Artie Hendricks, Vicarious Grief: What is it and why am I experiencing it?

May 11- Rabbi Greyber, To be announced

May 18- Donna Kaye, Keeping Your Loved Ones Close While Saying Yes to Life

May 25- To be announced

June 1- David Franzen, How do I know if getting professional care is needed?

Growing thru Grief meets each Tuesday from 4 to 6 pm. To register for one of these zoom meetings, please contact admin@growingthrugrief.org by 8 am on the Monday before the meeting.

~ Joyce Rea, Growing Thru Grief Facilitator

Anniversaries

Dan and Jane Heuser	05/04
Kent and Barbara Silvernail	05/22
Scott and Donna Gesell	05/26
Ken and Jo-Ann Kempel	05/26
Walt and Dede Crosmer	05/28



Items for the newsletter can be sent to: office@gracelutheranchurch.net.
The deadline for the June newsletter is May 25th.
Share your joys and interests with fellow members!

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Mission Statement: We are called to *Welcome Everyone to Walk the Way of GRACE*, and walk in that way in our individual lives, in our shared life in our various communities, in our common life with our neighbors, and even to the world at large as God sends us. The *Way of Grace* is to: **GROW** with Jesus, **REJOICE** in God, **ANSWER** with hope, **CARE** for the neighbor, and **EMBRACE** community.

Vision Statement: God has a plan FOR OUR LIVES, and so we teach how to walk in the path of Jesus Christ; FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, and so we work to build healthy and strong communities; FOR OUR CITY, and so we share life with our neighbors in Walltown, Trinity Park, Duke, and the Triangle; and FOR OUR WORLD, and so we go with Good News.

Core Values: Because God loves us first, we value worship rooted in Scripture and Sacrament, service to all people, and being a welcoming community that loves and forgives one another.